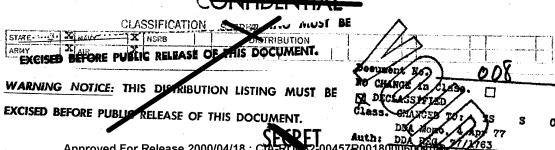
25X1A2g 1948 SLABBIRGARUN 🧸 25X1X8 19 COUNTRY Ecuador DATE DISTR. August 1948 SUBJECT Possible French Investment in Equator NO. OF PAGES 2 25X1A6a PLACE NO. OF ENCLS. ACQUIRED CIA Library 25X1X6 SUPPLEMENT TASX1A2g DATE OF THEO REPORT NO. 25X1X6 The following miscellaneous information has been received regarding the investment of French capital in Ecuador. Andre Munschy on several occasions in the last two months has stated that his firm in Europe hopes to invest many millions of dol'ars in Equator as soon as the political situation is more stable and would warrant such action. Tunschy also advised that the following projects had been submitted to Andre Mutter in Paris for his approval: A loan to the Mational Railroads of several millions. In addition to loan, it was contemplated that certain Swiss implements and machinery letter of Director of Archivist be included. # G 56 The construction of a factory in A bato for canning Equadoran Fruit.

- e. The construction of a powder milk and egg factory.
- d. The construction of an alcohol distillery in Tulcan for the manufactur of imitation French Liquors.

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- e. The construction of a cement factory in Richamba.
- f. The exploitation of prospective tin deposits in the north of Rounior.
- g. The purchase of a large tract of land on the Island of Puna near Guavaquit ca which to build a sawmill for the preparation of railroad ties. Mutter is said to have already completed a contract with the British Government for the delivery of said ties.
- 2. In addition to these projects, Eunschy stated that his firm was contracting for about eighty engineers and technicians in Europe to go to Ecuador to carry out this work.
- Munschy advised that a representative of his firm in Europe arrived in Quito overnight on 27 July 1948 on his way to Peru. This unknown individual will supervise the firm's investment activities in Peru.
- On or about 27 June 1948, Fousto Carmigniani, an associate of Dunschy in Guayaquil, reportedly delivered an unknown number of diamonds to Dunschy in Quito. It was stated that they had just arrived from Europe and that four of the diamonds are valued that they had just arrived from Europe and that four of



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- 5. Philipe Guignabaudet, a prominent French international Cinancier presently in Roundor, has been actively engaged in the past few weeks in actablishing the ground work for the eventual construction of a tuna fish cannery on the Galapapos Islands. Guignabaulet indicated that the Roundoran Government is interested in granting him a contract. It is expected that European funds will be used for this project and that all the equipment will be purchased from the United States. According to the French Legation, Guignabaudet has been invited to participate in national economic and financial matters as an outside expert on the subject.
- 6. Dr. Antonio Parra Velasco, Remadora Minister of Foreign Relations, has taken a keen personal interest in the investment of French funds in Equador. It is reported that upon his retirement from public office, he will devote full time to these projects.
- 7. Captain Joan Marie Bressand, head of the French Agricultural and Colonization Mission to Levador, left Ecuador for France upon learning that the Ecuadoran Economic Council had disapproved his proposal to purchase the Macienda Pichilingua.

